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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

UNCLAS GABORONE 0449

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, BC (LESHOAI, B.L.)

SUBJECT: FY AFRICAN SENIOR RESEARCH AWARDS PROGRAM

REF: STATE 058577

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. POST HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LESHOAI AND HAS RECEIVED FULL BIO FROM HIM (BELOW). REGARDING HIS RESIDENCE STATUS, EMBASSY HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY SENIOR OFFICIAL IN MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (WHICH CONTROLS IMMIGRATION) THAT LESHOAI HAS THE STATUS OF RESIDENT OF INDEFINITE DURATION BY VIRTUE OF HIS POSITION AT UBLS, WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS. LESHOAI CARRIES STAMP TO THAT EFFECT IN HIS PASSPORT, AS FOLLOWS: HOLDER OF THIS DOCUMENT IS EXEMPT FROM LOCAL IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS PROVIDING DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID IN TERMS OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NUMBER 62/74 . HE IS THEREIN CLASSIFIED AS A UBLS EMPLOYEE .

2. FOLLOWING IS BASIC BIO DATA ON LESHOAI:

A. NAME: BENJAMIN LETHOLOA LESHOAI

B. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: BLOEMFONTEIN ORANGE FREE STATE,
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SOUTH AFRICA, 1ST JULY, 1920.

C. EDUCATION:

(1) HIGHER PRIMARY TEACHERS CERTIFICATE AND MATRICULATION HEALDTOWN MISSIONARY INSTITUTION, FORT BEAUFORT CAPE PROVINCE, 1942/47.

(2) B.A. IN ENGLISH AND NATIVE ADMINISTRATION - FORT HARE UNIVERSITY, ALICE, CAPE PROVINCE, 1945 -47.

(3) M.A. IN SPEECH AND THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CAMPAIGN URBANA, ILLINOIS, U.S. A., 1964 65. ALSO HELD ASSISTANSHIP IN DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH AND THE SHUBERT FELLOWSHIP IN PLAYWRITING.

D. CAREER:

(1) HEAD OF ENGLISH, LADY SELBORNE HIGH SCHOOL, PRETORIA, 1948-1956.

(2) HEADMASTER LADY SELBORNE HIGH SCHOOL AND VICE PRESIDENT TRANSVAAL UNITED AFRICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION 1957-1960. RESIGNED POST BECAUSE OF CLASH WITH DEPARTMENT OF BANTU EDUCATION ON A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

(3) ASSISTANT MANAGER UNION ARTIST, PROMOTERS OF FAMOUS JAZZ OPERATTA KING KONG , JOHANNESBURG. 1961-1963, JUNE.

(4) HIGH SCHOOL MASTER IN ENGLISH -CHIWALA SECONDARY SCHOOL, NDOLA, ZAMBIA - 1963 - AUGUST 1964.

(5) LECTURER IN ENGLISH MUFULIRA TEACHERS COLLEGE 1965 AND PROMOTED TO HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH IN 1967.

(6) SENIOR LECTURER IN THEATRE ARTS AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, 1968 - 1974.

(7) BOWIE STATE COLLEGE, MARYLAND 1974.

(8) LECTURER IN ENGLISH U. B. L.S. 1975.

(9) HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH U.B.L.S. (B) 1976.

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E. AWARDS:

(1) CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - NATIONAL SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM - ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTGOMERY, 1974.

(2) CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ISSUED BY U.S. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 102(B) (6) OF THE FULBRIGHT-HAYS ACT OF 1961 FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO CONSORTIUM OF FOUR COLLEGES AS CURRICULUM

CONSULTANT, 1974.

F. PUBLICATIONS:

(1) TRANSITION - VOLUME 4 NO. 19, FEBRUARY, 1965
THEATRE AND THE COMMON MAN IN AFRICA.

(2) PLAY: THE WAKE

(3) AFRICAN DRAMA, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE - SUNDAY NATION
(NATION FEATURE) NAIROBI, 28TH MARCH, 1971.

(4) THEATRICAL WINDS OF CHANGE IN EAST AFRICA , AFRICA REPORT
JOURNAL OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE, NEW YORK, APRIL, 1971.

(5) THEATRE IN EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA - BRIEF SKETCHES IN AKAN
(GHANA) ARTS SYMBOLS, LITERATURE, MUSIC AND AFRICAN THEATRE -
JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY
INC. - WASHINGTON, D.C. 1972.

G. BOOKS:

(1) MASILO S ADVENTURES AND OTHER STORIES - LONGMANS GREEN AND CO.,
LTD., 1968.

(2) WRATH OF THE ANCESTORS AND OTHER PLAYS - EAST AFRICAN PUBLISH-
ING HOUSE, NAIROBI 1972.

H. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND PAPERS READ

(A) CONGRESS FOR CULTURAL FREEDOM AFRICAN WRITER S CONFERENCE.
MAKERE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, KAMPALA, UGANDA, JUNE, 1962.
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H. (B) SEMINAR BY THEATRE ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA ON AFRICAN
THEATRE AT LUANSHYA, ZAMBIA, JUNE 1969.

(C) THEATRE ARTS SEMINAR, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DAR ES SALAAM,
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 1969. PAPER: TOWARDS AN AFRICAN THEATRE .

(D) UNESCO CONFERENCE BY EXPERTS ON AFRICAN CULTURAL PROBLEMS
- DAKAR, OCTOBER, 1969.

(E) CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES, NOVEMBER,
1969 CONGO-KINSHASA.

(F) UNIVERSITY OF EAST AFRICAN SUBJECT CONFERENCE, MAKERERE
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, FEBRUARY, 1970.

(G) UNIVERSITY OF EAST AFRICA SUBJECT CONFERENCE MOSHI, FEBRUARY 1970.

I. RESEARCH COMPLETED FOR PH.D.

DRAMA AS A MEANS OF EDUCATION IN AFRICA FOR PH.D. DISSERTATION, NOW COMPLETED.

J. REFERENCES:

(1) PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR DR. SETIDISHO UBLS GABORONE

(2) PROF. T. TLOU - DEAN OF HUMANITIES UBLS GABORONE

3. LESHOA IS IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROFESSOR JAMES BREEDON, HARVARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, GUTMAN LIBRARY, APPIAN WAY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138, REGARDING POSSIBLE PROJECT AT HARVARD. BREEDON IS HIS PHD ADVISER.

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